

My Advent Book

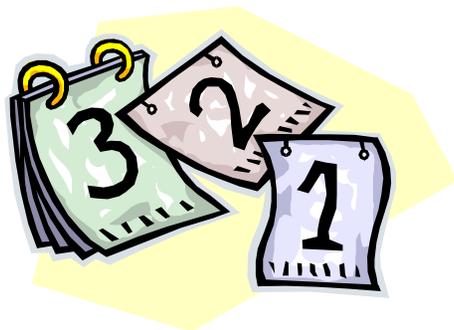
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Advent is a season to wait and prepare. We get ready to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We wait and watch for signs of God's great love for us.

Advent lasts for four weeks. It is a time of not only preparation, but love and joy. We celebrate with our families and our parish. People prepare for Christmas in lots of different ways.

Some people use an Advent Calendar to help count down the days until Christmas. They begin using them on the first day of December. They can use them to help organize and prepare for Christmas.



Show What You Know!

Can you answer these questions about Advent? Remember you can always go back and reread to find the answer!

1. Advent is a season to wait and _____ for the coming of Jesus.
2. The season of Advent lasts for _____ weeks.
3. The Advent Wreath is a circle made of _____ that stand for eternal life.
4. The Advent Wreath has four candles. The colors of these candles are:

5. One other way people celebrate the season of Advent is

People have many other ways to celebrate Advent! Some people make an Advent Prayer Chain filled with prayers for their friends and loved ones. Others set up their manger scene, and move their pieces a little closer to Jesus in the manger each day. Some people bake special Advent cookies.

What can you do to get ready for Jesus? Think of one thing you can do each week to prepare and wait for Jesus.

Week 1	Week 2
Week 3	Week 4

Another way of celebrating Advent is to use an Advent Wreath. The wreath is made of evergreen branches and four candles. The evergreen branches are wound together in a circle and stand for eternal life. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. There are three purple candles and one pink one.

Each week people gather to pray and light candles on the wreath. We light the candles to remind us that we need to watch and wait for the coming of Jesus. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. As the light grows brighter we know the coming of Jesus is close!



Here is how the Advent Wreath is used:



On the first Sunday of Advent we light a purple candle. This is known as the prophecy candle.



Then on the second Sunday of Advent we light the first purple and then a second purple candle. The second purple candle is called the Bethlehem candle.

For the third Sunday of Advent we light the first two purple candles and the pink candle. The pink candle shows that there is only one more week until Christmas. The third candle is called the shepherd candle.



On the fourth Sunday of Advent we light the first two purple candles, the pink candle and the last purple candle. For the last week of Advent, all four candles are lit. The final purple candle is called the angel candle.



Some people also add a fifth candle...a white one that they place in the center of the wreath on Christmas Day as a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the World!

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A reproducible book
created to help explain
the season of Advent.



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